

**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009**

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**Section 58. Quick start energy grants.** (1) There is a quick start energy program within the department of commerce for quick start energy efficiency improvement grants to public school districts for projects that provide long-term, cost-effective benefits to school facilities.

(2) A public school district may submit an application to the department of commerce for quick start energy efficiency improvement grant funding for:

(a) an energy audit or evaluation of the potential for energy savings in a school facility by a prequalified energy auditor; or

(b) energy efficiency improvements that are based on an energy audit or evaluation and that are expected to achieve measurable energy efficiency to a school facility and cost savings to the public school district.

(3) In awarding grants under this section, the department of commerce shall consider the potential for energy savings in a public school facility based on the age, energy use, function, and condition of the building. The department shall give priority to schools operating out of temporary facilities.

(4) The department of commerce may consult with the department of environmental quality and the architecture and engineering division of the department of administration in the review and evaluation of quick start grant applications.

(5) The department of commerce shall distribute quick start energy program funds on a reimbursement basis from May 15, 2009, until September 30, 2009. Any quick start funds not obligated under this section for reimbursement to a public school district by September 30, 2009, must be used as provided in [section 85] for the School Facilities Program Administration and Grants line item appropriation.

(6) The department of commerce shall collect information regarding the cost savings to public school districts that make energy efficiency improvements based on grant funding received under subsection (2)(b).

(7) The department of commerce shall consult with the office of public instruction on the disbursement of quick start grants and shall make every attempt to accommodate large schools, small schools, urban schools, and rural schools.

(8) Quick start grants made under this program are subject to review by the legislative finance committee.